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Sir:

This amendment for the patent application identified above is in response to the Office Action dated May 31, 2005 ("Office Action"), which set a shortened statutory period for response that expires on August 31, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

Kindly amend this application as indicated herein.